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### The Main Channel Approach to Riga

1. Ships using the main channel approach to Riga (56-58N, 24-05E) may not draw more than ten meters of water. The depth over the Dvina River bar averages eight to ten meters.
2. The following coordinates designate the course of the main channel:

57-53-48N, 21-32-51E

57-50-15N, 21-38-0LE

At this point the channel has a width of four cablelengths.

57-47-2411, 21-42-06E

57-44-36N, 21-46-00E

57-42-54N, 21-50-00E

57-39-05N, 21-54-08E

57-40-10N, 22-04-01E

57-42-121, 22-13-00E

57-44-121, 22-21-45E

At this point the channel has a width of three cablelengths.

57-46-4EN, 22-30-00E

57-49-36N, 22-38-42E

At this point the channel has a width of two nautical miles.

57-46-000, 22-48-000

57-15-001, 23-49-24E

From here on up to point 57-04-07, the channel has a width of three nautical miles.

57-12-3511, 23-52-04E

57-69-CEN, 23-55-23E

57-12-2511, 23-51-32E

57-08-5911, 23-54-50E

57-05-35M, 23-58-26M

57-04-C711, 24-00-31E

from here on into the harbor of Riva.

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The South Channel Approach to Riga

3. The width of the southern channel approach to Riga is three cablelengths and the depth is six to seven meters.
4. The following coordinates designate the center of the channel:

57-40-00N, 21-23-30E  
 57-39-12N, 21-30-36E  
 57-38-18N, 21-39-00E  
 57-37-24N, 21-47-36E  
 57-39-05N, 21-54-08E

From this point on, the channel joins the main channel approach to Riga.

The Channel Approach to Kronstadt

5. The following coordinates show the center of the channel approach to Kronstadt (59-59N, 29-49E). A pilot must be taken aboard ship at the Leningrad fireship. At position No. 1 (60-04-30N, 28-02-48E), the channel has a width of one nautical mile. From here a course must be followed in the direction of the Lavansaari light at 244 and then in a north west direction from the point 60-02-49N, 27-56-58E to position No. 2 (60-02-10N, 27-52-42E), at which the channel has a width of four cablelengths. From here the course followed is east of the western (spar?) boom to position No. 3 (59-59-48N, 27-56-30E). Red light and whistling buoys are placed at a distance of two cablelengths and 27 degrees from position No. 3. The channel now follows a course of 104.5 degrees in the direction of the Suisaari beacon, which is directly south of an M-spar-buoy (59-58-18N, 28-04-37E). The course to be followed then passes the following points:

59-57-18N, 28-15-00E  
 59-57-00N, 28-17-18E  
 59-57-00N, 28-26-00E  
 59-57-00N, 28-45-54E  
 59-57-00N, 28-54-06E  
 60-01-42N, 29-03-24E

At the last point given, the channel has a width of two nautical miles. Then on to point 60-01-36N, 29-26-00E. From here on at a course of 107 degrees into the harbor of Kronstadt. This last part of the channel has a width of one nautical mile.

Mined Areas Off the Latvian Coast

6. A mine field, located in the vicinity of Lepaya (56-34N, 21-00E), is contained within an area bounded by the following:

in the north to the 56-43.3N parallel,\* in the south to the 56-15.5N parallel, in the west to the 20-42.2E meridian, and in the east by the coast.

7. A mine field, located in the vicinity of Riga, is contained within an area bounded by the following positions:

56-53.9N, 23-50.0E  
 57-12.5N, 23-50.0E  
 57-12.5N, 24-06.9E  
 57-19.0N, 24-06.9E  
 57-19.0N, 24-17.9E  
 57-13.0N, 24-17.9E  
 57-10.8N, 24-08.3E

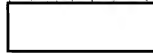
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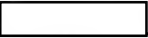
Removal of Signal Positions in the Gulf of Finland

8. The following signal positions (presumably, light buoys) of the Soviet Navy in the Gulf of Finland were removed 

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- a. At 59-23.2N, 24-21.3E the signal position known as "Pakri".  
b. At 59-18.2N, 23-21.7E the signal position known as "Osmussaar".

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